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U.S. donates public health works, vehicles, medical equipment, and computer lab in Tarija

The U.S. Government, through its Agency for International development, USAID, presented an ambulance, vehicles, and medical equipment valued at US\$150,000 to the Departmental Health Service of Tarija. This donation is part of the U.S. Embassy ongoing healthcare cooperation. Bolivian President Carlos Mesa presided at the assembly assisted by Minister of Health Rosario Quiroga, Prefect Jaime Amezaga, and other Bolivian authorities. Representing the U.S. government were Ambassador David Greenlee, Michael Magan, USAID's Deputy Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean, who is visiting Bolivia in an official trip, and Liliana Ayalde, Director of USAID Bolivia.

USAID also inaugurated a new clinic, part of the Prosalud private network, that will provide healthcare services to people living near Tarija. USAID invested US\$ 209,000 in infrastructure and equipment for the clinic, called "La Tabladita".

To date, the U.S. government cooperation to the healthcare system in Tarija is more than US\$1 million.

In addition to the donation of vehicles and healthcare equipment, President Mesa in a separate ceremony will deliver a complete computer lab including 10 computers, 3 printers, 1 scanner and educational software to the Pampa Galana public school. This computer lab is being provided by USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI). Over 550 primary and secondary students coming from disadvantaged neighborhoods attend this school, which has achieved significant improvement as a result of the involvement of parents and the neighborhood boards. Most parents are construction workers and housewives; they contribute with their own resources to the maintenance of the school in order to provide education for their children.